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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	Strengthening the Home Economics Communications Centre for Rural Development in Nigeria (NIR/75/013)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Home Economics Division)
Date of approval:	April 1978
Starting date for project operations:	April 1978
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$307 500 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$341 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The groundwork for the project was laid by an FAO/Norwegian Development Agency project, Home Economics Planning for Rural Development in Nigeria,(TF/NIR.18 - NOR), which began in October 1973 and terminated in June 1977. Under this earlier project a Home Economics Unit was established within the Federal Department of Agriculture to strengthen and co-ordinate extension work being done at the state level by the various ministries. The two main elements of this project were home economics development planning and home economics curriculum development. An evaluation of the FAO/NORAD project recommended the establishment of a home economics communications centre. The need for the centre has been supported by requests from Ministry and training institution officials.

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II. The project

2. The objective of the project is to strengthen the existing home economics extension programmes of the states thus increasing the contribution of rural women to the national development objectives of modernizing agriculture, increasing food production and improving living standards in rural areas. Specifically, the project will collect existing audio-visual aids and equipment and develop, in collaboration with State Home Economists,audio-visual presentations to suit special or restricted audiences; establish a Home Economics Communications Centre in the Home Economics Division of the Federal Department of Agriculture which will serve as a loaning centre for state home economics programmes; and enhance the capability of the Home Economics Division by on-the-job training and specialized overseas courses.

3. UNDP will provide a home economics communications adviser, consultants, fellowships and equipment. The Government will provide counterpart staff, accommodation, equipment, and administrative support.

4. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	m/m	$
Experts	28	123 100
Training		187 400
Equipment		16 000
Miscellaneous		15 000
		341 500

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